THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARAN BHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

More ticket counters at Bangalore

2520. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a need to open more ticket counters and also platform ticket kiosks and ticket vending machines at Cantonment Railway Station, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI N ARAN BHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) The booking counters available at Bangaloe Cantonment Railway Station are adequate to deal with the present level of traffic. However, it is proposed to provide more platform ticket vending machines at this station to meet the additional requirements.

New trains from Baripada to Puri and Howrah

2521. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to run new trains from Baripada to Puri and Howrah;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to complete the remaining broad gauge conversion of Baripada-Bangiriposi, indicating the time frame within the above portion would be completed and commissioned to traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The gauge conversion of Baripada-Bangiriposi is being taken up. No time frame for completion has been fixed.